



# Illini Free Spirit Riders

Honda Riders Club of America Chapter 0151



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## NEWSLETTER & EVENTS

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### January 2015

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## Happy New Year!

### Rides and Information

The Club Christmas party was great fun for all who attended thanks again Dave Moore for setting it up.

Club Officer Elections Results are as follows

President Dave Moore, Vice President Tim Gron, Treasurer Bob Crowley, Secretary Ken K.  
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**Note** – Any information on the rides would be greatly appreciated. The info can come from the ride leader or a participant. A line or two is all that is needed. Thanks – Editor, Ron Dougherty

### Members Corner

Toys for Tots Ride  
John L.

You may have seen or heard on the news that there was a motorcycle parade in Chicago on Sunday, 12/7/2014. It was the **37<sup>th</sup> annual Chicago Toys for Tots Parade**. Vernon Scott has been riding in this parade for a number of years and this year he was kind enough to let me tag along. The only requirements are that **you bring a toy to donate** and that you **ride a motorcycle**. The official number of bikes should be released after the December 20 parade debriefing; but, one estimate I have heard is **over 10,000 bikes**.

I left my house at 5:30pm (20 degrees) to meet Vern at Naperville North High School for a KSU departure of 6:00am. Granted, it was chilly; but, thankfully the roads were dry.

We hopped onto I88 to I355 to I55. I believe we got off at Harlem Ave. Then don't ask me, I just trusted Vern. In about 50 minutes we stopped for coffee at a McDonald's just a few blocks from the gathering point at Dan Ryan Woods. We then took our places easily in the front quarter of the first flight of bikes about 2 hours before the scheduled 9:30am parade kick off. I was very thankful that the CMA folks were serving hot coffee and hot chocolate. The time went by quickly as Vern and I enjoyed walking around and admiring just about every type of bike imaginable. All of the bikers were really friendly. Many were playing Christmas music from their speakers. My bike even sprouted a pair of antlers and a red nose of all things. So many of the bikes were fully decked out for Christmas. You have NO IDEA. I mean REALLY DECKED OUT! Toys were attached all over the bikes. Bikes and trailers were decorated like Christmas parade floats. Bikers were dressed in all sorts of costumes. Santa and his motorcycle elves even joined us to lead the parade. Mrs. Illinois was there posing for pictures. The Marine Corps Reserve, who distributes the toys to needy children, was there with a few Humvee's on display and I spotted at least one civilian "drone" overhead taking pictures. There were lots of bundled up little kids who seemed to enjoy the decorations and the festive atmosphere.

The parade route took us all North on Western Ave. to DeVry University (about 14 miles I hear). Even with the police blocking traffic (yes, they blocked traffic in CHICAGO!) our pace was pretty slow; but, **there were crowds of kids and families all waving and cheering everywhere along the route**. It truly made you forget about the cold (It may have reached 32 degrees at parade time?) And I cannot believe how many parked motorcycles we passed along the way. They must have been waiting to join the parade in later waves. When we reached the parking lot at DeVry, there were people handing out hot chocolate, coffee and cookies. (Fortunately, the lines at the porta-jons moved quickly.) **Governor-Elect Bruce Rauner rode in the parade** and said a few words on stage at DeVry. There were a few vendors on hand; but, most people just dropped off their toys, met up with their friends and rode out to make room in the parking lot for the continuous stream of new arrivals.

A friendly chap handed Vern and I a flier and told us about an after-party at the Harley-Davidson dealer on Joliet road in Countryside. He had me with the words "free beer". So I stopped there on the way home. There was a fair crowd of people. They had live music (jazzy), a raffle, cookies, coffee, hot soup, FREE BEER, and a CHILI CONTEST! They had 9 crock-pots of chili to sample. You voted by putting a dollar into the box in front of your favorite. I had voted several times, so of course I just HAD to stay until they announced the winner of the chili contest. (My favorite won!) They made close to \$200.00 for their Harley club.

The after-party definitely warmed me up for the rest of the ride home. This is a fantastic event and I would definitely recommend that anyone who can take a little cold weather join Vern and I next year for the 38<sup>TH</sup> annual Chicago Toys for Tots Parade.

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John L.

We are hoping to get members to write articles for the newsletter. This article can be about whatever you, the club member wants to write about. Things like informational editorials, ride reviews etc. you get the idea. Please send your articles to [webmaster@freespiritriders.com](mailto:webmaster@freespiritriders.com) or [ifsr.secr@yahoo.com](mailto:ifsr.secr@yahoo.com) or bring your submission to a meeting, or leave it at Fox Valley Cycles in the club mailbox.

## President's Message

Keep warm and safe and start to think about the next seasons rides.  
~the editor

## Calendar

Remember to think of places you would want to go on the bike, and then bring the ideas or completed ride plan to the yearly Ride planning Meeting. More info to come at a later time.

Dinner Locations for January...check the [calendar](#) for details

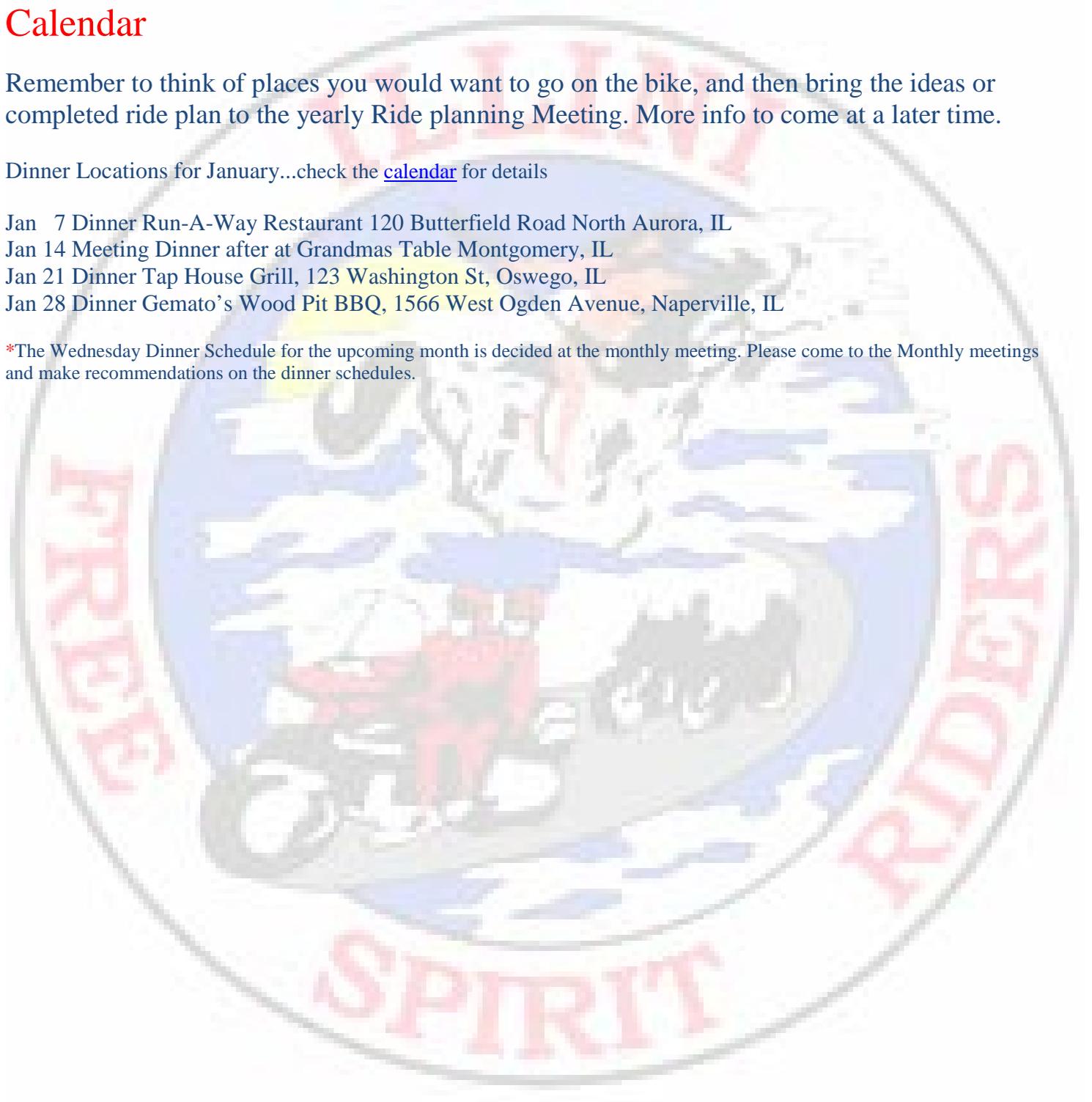
Jan 7 Dinner Run-A-Way Restaurant 120 Butterfield Road North Aurora, IL

Jan 14 Meeting Dinner after at Grandmas Table Montgomery, IL

Jan 21 Dinner Tap House Grill, 123 Washington St, Oswego, IL

Jan 28 Dinner Gemato's Wood Pit BBQ, 1566 West Ogden Avenue, Naperville, IL

\*The Wednesday Dinner Schedule for the upcoming month is decided at the monthly meeting. Please come to the Monthly meetings and make recommendations on the dinner schedules.





## Illini Free Spirit Riders Meeting Agenda December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- Opening
  - Thank you to all for attending
  - Recognition of guests & new members
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Old Business
  - Total Odometer Miles Contest – Submit Your Mileage to the Secretary
  - Christmas Party December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Old Town Pub Geneva
  - Anyone do anything interesting last month?
- New Business
  - Fox Valley Cycle News
  - President's Retirement Party—Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, at The Hay Hacienda
  - Select upcoming dinner locations
    - Tonight – Meeting Night – O'Malley's - Aurora
    - December 17<sup>th</sup> –
    - December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve – no club dinner
    - December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve –no club dinner
    - January 3<sup>rd</sup>—President Retirement Party
    - January 7<sup>th</sup> –
    - January 14<sup>th</sup> – Meeting Night
    - January 21<sup>st</sup> –
    - January 28<sup>th</sup> –
  - Membership Renewals
  - Officer Elections
    - Review of Election By-Laws
    - Administrator/Editor
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer
    - Vice President
    - President
  - Additional New Business?
- Upcoming Events, Next Meeting—January 14<sup>th</sup>
  - 2015 Ride Planning Meeting in February – Start thinking about next season's rides
  - International Motorcycle Show – February 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> – Rosemont
- Closing
- 50/50 Drawing



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## Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2014

### Opening

President Bill Hay opened the November meeting of the Illini Free Spirit Riders Motorcycle Club at 6:00PM. Nineteen members were in attendance.

### Secretary's Report

Minutes from the October meeting were distributed. Bill asked the members to review the minutes. A motion was made by Lee Lasseigne to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The minutes were accepted with a majority vote.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bob Crawley presented his report. Michael D'Aversa motioned to accept the report. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The report was unanimously accepted.

### Business

#### Old Business

- Ride reports were presented for the Southwest Michigan Winery and Grist Mill Rides.
- There was discussion about the Christmas Party motions passed in October regarding clarity of content. To clarify, Ron Dougherty motioned that "the Club (IFSR) pay the balance after the \$10.00 per person charge." Ron's motion passed in October read, "the Club (IFSR) pay for the Christmas Party." To clarify the motion made by Michael D'Aversa and passed in October, Michael motioned "the terms be the same as last year, including the Club provide six complimentary Christmas Party 'tickets' to Fox Valley Cycles for use by any of their employees." Both clarification motions were passed unanimously.

#### New Business

- In the Fox Valley Cycles' report, John Conley announced the new 2015 models are in... including snow blowers. FVC is offering IFSR members a \$50.00 discount on a new snow blower. Layaways and winter storage are now available. John featured a "rescue pack" for sale at \$160.00. John stated FVC will submit for reimbursement for the Christmas Party.
- December 12, 2014 has been confirmed as the date for the 2014 IFSR Christmas Party. Bill Hay noted a passed May 14, 2014 motion that read as follows... "A raffle will take place at the Christmas Party. Five names will be drawn for five \$40 prizes. The names chosen will be from the Club Membership List current at the time of the drawing and winners need not be present." Bill Hay then presented as a motion that the names chosen be from the list of those having made reservations for the party instead of the Membership List. The motion was seconded, voted on and unanimously passed.
- Members were reminded that Nominations and Elections of 2015 Chapter Officers are held at the December meeting in accordance to Chapter Bylaws, Article IV, Sections 2 and 3.
- Upcoming dinner locations were decided. 12/3 >> Round Up - Sugar Grove, 12/10 >> O'Malley's following the meeting and 12/17 >> The Town Bar & Grill, Aurora. No dinners scheduled for 12/25 and 12/31.

### Adjournment

With no additional New Business, President Bill Hay asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron Dougherty made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and President Bill Hay closed the meeting at 6:36PM.

Members met at O'Malley's for the post-meeting dinner.

Ken Kutschke  
Secretary